Great NEWS, *a-Ho!*

I let you to Wit, this will be my laſt publick

SPEECH

In this WORLD,

Concerning theſe

HIRELINGS,

If this wonderful LIGHT doth not ſell.

Here I am to tell you the beſt NEWS that ye have heard in your Days,

Which contains

Pleaſant and *Dreadful* PROPHECIES,

WITH THE

NEWS in *Edinburgh,*

AND A

Petition to the Honourable *Magiſtrates* and *Council* of *Edinburgh.*

Humbly dedicated to his

Majeſty King GEORGE *II.*

Great King, I have no Room, in this little Paper, to flatter your Majeſty; *I know not to give flattering Titles, in ſo doing, my Maker will ſoon take me away,* as ſaid *Elihu* to *Job.* Ye have many about your Court that can do it, altho' I do it not, ſuch as *Iſla,* who lifted his Cane to me for writing the Truth, as *Pilate* did.

God ſave the King, is the Prayer of William Mitchel.

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I Am now ready to be offered up; the Time of my departing is at Hand; I have fought a good Fight; I have finished my Course; I have keeped the Faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at me at that Day, not to me only, but to all them that love his Appearance. I have printed more than sixty Books, of several Sorts; the Scopes of many of them, is for the Downfal of *Babylon*; yet that Whore, nor her Hearers, hath not Power to hang me, neither can they answer my Books; this they say of me, He is mad and hath a Devil, why hear ye him? They said that also of our Great Lord. These Hirelings will end or they mend.

Hear good News, There is now a Door opened in Heaven that hath been locked up since *Constantine*'s Time, the first Christian Emperor; he was the first Man that hired the Clergy to preach their Gospel, and ever since they have preached the Commandement of Men. Saith Christ, at this present Time, to them, *In vain do ye worship me, teaching for Doctrine the Commandement of Men.* Them who calls these Hirelings Gospel the Gospel of Christ, they make him a Liar to his Face. He says, all the Service they do to God is in vain. There is none but mad Men, that will call their Gospel, that they preach for Money, the Gospel of Christ, because it is not the Commandement of God, but of Men; and, ever since that Time, these Hirelings and the Devil hath keeped their Possession.

Before

Before they part with it, they will ſet all the World by the Ears, as the *Revelations* makes plain.

Before I come to the News, ye muſt know, that Chriſt is, at this preſent Time, ſtanding at the Door of your Hearts, crying to you, ſaying, *Behold me, behold me*; he doubles this Exhortation that ye may believe he is in earneſt; he is juſt now ſtanding at your Door; *it is the Voice of my Beloved that knocketh, ſaying, Open to me, my Siſter, my Love, my Dove, my Undefiled, for my Head is filled with the Dew, and my Locks with the Drops of the Night.* He ſteaches you to open your Door; he ſtands in a lamentable Condition; if I may ſo ſpeak, his Love to Men is unſpeakable great. He is now ſtanding at your Door, crying to you, ſaying, *Behold I ſtand at the Door and knock, if any Man will hear my Voice, and open the Door, I will come unto him, and will ſup with him, and he with me.* Obſerve, altho' ye hear his Voice, except ye open your Door he will not come in; his Call is ſo large, there is none excepted.

I looked, and behold, a Door was opened in Heaven, and the firſt Voice which I heard, was as it were of a Trumpet talking with me, which ſaid, Come up hither, and I will ſhew thee Things which muſt be hereafter; And immediately I was in the Spirit, and behold, a Throne was ſet in Heaven, and one ſat on the Throne. This is good News; this Throne is now ſet up on the Earth, which is there called Heaven; now there ſhall be glorious Days of the true Goſpel, when the hired Clergy and the Devil ſhall fall from their Thrones. Saith Chriſt, at this preſent Time, *I beheld Satan as Lightning fall from Heaven; their Plagues ſhall come quickly.* Says the Spirit, *Her Plagues ſhall come in one Day, Death, and Mourning, and Famine; and ſhe ſhall be uterly burnt with Fire, for ſtrong is the Lord God who judgeth her, and the Kings of the Earth who hath committed Fornication with her, ſhall bewail her when they ſhall ſee the Smoke of her Burning.* Ye hear of the Judgments that is quickly coming on theſe Hirelings and their Followers; when *Babylon* is fallen, there ſhall be glorious Days of the true Goſpel, when theſe Hirelings are diſthroned, which is the Whore of *Babylon.*

Come up hither, and I will ſhew thee Things which muſt; Babylon *muſt now fall.* Says God, at this preſent

Time, to his Elect, *Come out of her, my People, and be ye not a Partaker of her Sins, that ye receive not of her Plagues; her Sins hath now reached unto Heaven, and God hath now remembred her Iniquities.*

If you Kings and Rulers would give these Hirelings all your Estates, their Sermons shall do no more Good, because their Damnation is now sealed up. So says the Spirit, *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; he that is filthy, let him be filthy still*; Ephraim *is joined to his Idols, let him alone.*

I must shew you this Door that is now opened in the Earth; It is Christ alone, without the Help of these Hirelings; he is that one that sits on this Throne. So he says, *He that entereth not by the Door into the Sheepfold, but climbeth up some other Way, the same is a Thief and a Robber.* Who of all the hired Clergy in the World dare say, for their Souls, that they entered in at this Door to their Kirks? Them who will say it, they make Christ a Liar to his Face; they are nothing but Thieves and Robbers; they have climb'd up to their Pulpits some other Way, all for the Love of Money, which is the Root of all Evil.

Then said Jesus to them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the Door of the Sheep, all that ever came before me are Thieves and Robbers. What then may these Hirelings think of themselves, when he tells them plainly they are not his Sheep, because they have come before him? Ye may say, How can that be, that these Hirelings hath come before Christ, when he made the World? *In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God The same was in the Beginning with God. All Things were made by him, and without him, was not any Thing made that was made.* I shall answer you,

First, These Hirelings hath come before Christ in their Doctrine; he had never so much Doctrine as they have had; the World is bewitched with them, they seduce God's Servants, as we read of *Jezabel* their Mother, and preaches the Doctrine of Devils, as we read.

2dly, These Hirelings hath come before Christ in their Hearers; he had never so many Hearers as they have had; the World wonders more after the Beast

3*dly*, The hired Clergy hath come before Christ in their Worshipers; he had never so many Worshipers as they have had. Says the Spirit, *And all the World wondered after the Beast? And worshiped him, saying, Who is like unto the Beast, and who is able to make War with him?* No King is able to make War with the hired Clergy; we are commanded to withdraw from them. *Be ye separate from them, saith the Lord God. Whether ye hear or forbear I have delivered my Soul.*

I say, there is none that worships God but them who strives to keep his Word; and I have proven, in forty of my Books, of several Sorts, That these Hirelings doth it not. Saith Christ to them, at this present Time, *Ye seek me not because of the Miracles, but because of the Loves that ye may be filled.* This makes it plain, that it is only for their Bellies that these Hirelings worships God; for which he calls them greedy Dogs. They will not believe that God is able to maintain them, except they have a fixed Stipend. If these be the Ministers of Christ, let the World judge; God doth not call them Ministers, but he calls them greedy Dogs. Says Christ to his Father of his Ministers, *I have given them thy Word, and they have keeped thy Word.* He cannot say so of these Hirelings; if he did, he would be a Liar like unto them, as he says to them, at this present Time. They daily break his Word by their taking Money for to preach Christ's free Gospel.

What can be more plain in all the Scriptures, than that he says to them, *Freely as ye have received, freely give; the Workman is worthy of his Meat?* Says he to them, Take no Money for to preach my free Gospel. These Hirelings holds Christ as a Liar or a Mocker; they will be hanged before they obey him. *Them who is guilty of one Point of the Law, is guilty of all*, says the Spirit. Ye hear that these Hirelings are guilty of the Breach of all his Commands; they may be ashamed to mount a Pulpit, because they are naked as *Adam* and his Wife was; they have also made their Hearers naked as *Aaron* made the *Israelites*.

The Scriptures makes it plain, that it is not the Gospel of Christ that these Hirelings preaches for Money, but it is the Devil's, with a Witness; Christ hath no other Gospel but that which is free; as his

Grace is free, ſo is his Goſpel; they cannot be ſeparate: The World is content with free Grace, but not with a free Goſpel; free Grace is eaſy to theſe Hirelings, but a free Goſpel is their Burthen.

Kings and Rulers are content to take free Grace, but their Pride will not ſuffer them to take a free Goſpel; they will give theſe Hirelings Money for to preach the Devil's Goſpel, againſt God's Will. This Pride comes of the Devil; he hath too much Power over them; ye muſt know that it is againſt the Nature of God to give his Grace for Money; none needs to expect Grace for Money, but ſuch as *Simon Magus* the Witch. This is the Reaſon that there is ſo little Grace among us; theſe Hirelings doth what is in their Power to ſeparate a free Goſpel from free Grace; we read that the Scriptures cannot be broken; if they were broken, they would be for as little Uſe to us as the Harlot's Child was to its Mother; if King *Solomon* had divided it as the Harlot would have it done. This makes it plain, that theſe Hirelings are Whores and Harlots, for dividing a free Goſpel from free Grace. So ſays the Spirit of them, *They are the Mother of Harlots, and the Abomination of the Earth.*

God's Proclamation condemns them that is cryed through the World with a Ho, *Ho every one come and buy without Money and without Price.* But the Devil hath made the World ſo proud, like himſelf, they ſcorn to hear a free Goſpel, as is made plain now in this City; they will not believe that Goſpel can do them Good except they pay for it. The Devil being in theſe Hirelings, they will ſuffer none to preach in their Kirks that hath not the Mark and Image of the Beaſt. Says the Spirit, *That no Man might buy or ſell ſave he who had the Mark of the Beaſt.* This is made plain in this City; the Devil hath more Power now over the World than he had when Chriſt was perſonally in it; he got Leave to preach in their Temples; ye muſt know that the Market of a free Goſpel and of free Grace greatly differs from our Markets; Money ſpoils the Market of a free Goſpel and of free Grace intirely. It is a Wonder to me that the World will not believe in God, but in the hired Clergy, altho' it be written, That them who believes not ſhall be

Christ offers himself and his Grace freely, in his Proclamation. He will have all the Glory of our Salvation, or none of it; but the Devil hath set up these Hirelings, and they would have a Part of his Glory, but not freely, but for Money. These Ministers who doth not obey Christ's Precepts, and follow his Example, they are the Ministers of the Devil, with a Witness. Saith Christ to us, at this present Time, *I have a few Things against thee, because thou hast them that hold the Doctrine of* Balaam, *who taught* Balak *to cast a Stumbling-block before the Children of* Israel *to commit Fornication.* This makes it plain, That these Hirelings hath cast a Stumbling-block in their Hearers Way, that they cannot win to Heaven, by their commiting Fornication with the common Whore of *Babylon*. *Balaam* went from Place to Place to curse God's People for Money; so these Hirelings goes from Kirk to Kirk to seduce God's Servants for Money. They will not go to Heaven themselves, and them who would go they hinder. Wo be to the hired Clergy

Because these Hirelings and their Hearers will not believe God's Word, his heavy Judgment hath lighted on them. So he says, *And, for this Cause, God hath sent them strong Delusions that they should believe a Lie, that they all may be damned who believe not the Truth.* This may make these Hirelings and their Hearers to tremble, even him whose Coming is after the Working of Satan, with all Power and Signs, and lying Wonders, with all Deceiveableness of Unrighteousness in them that perish, *because they receive not the Love of the Truth that they might be saved.* Even him is spoken of there as one Man, but it is all the hired Clergy in the World, which is called the Man of Sin. This makes it plain, That these Hirelings are all made up of Sin.

There are some of these Hirelings knows the Truth of what I say, and hath now come out of *Babylon*, and now preaches the Gospel of God frrely, as our great Apostle *Paul* did. These Hirelings will not let them preach in their Kirks, because they have cast off the Mark of the Beast. I say, all them who takes Money for to preach Christ's free Gospel, are Thieves and Robbers, with a Witness. Them who says the contrary, they make Christ a Liar to his Face. Yet

the World flocks after these Thieves and Robbers to hear them preach another Gospel than Christ's Gospel. For that *Paul* doubles their Curses, as we read. Ye hear what Power the Devil hath got over the World. They cannot win out of *Babylon*, the Door being shut by God's Decrees, *that seeing they might see, and not perceive, and in hearing they might hear, and not understand*; but now the Door is opened, and them who will not come forth, shall curse that Day that they were born, as *Job* did.

Christ is, at this present Time, crying to you, saying, *Behold, I set before thee an open Door, and no Man can shut it*, altho' it hath been shut more than a Thousand Years. This is good News. *O let us prepare him an Habitation, the Lord God Omnipotent is now to reign on the Earth; let the Earth rejoice.* This may make our Hearts glad. *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give Honour to him, for the Marriage of the Lamb is come, and his Wife hath made herself ready. Glory to God in the highest, Peace on Earth, and Good-will towards Man. God is gone up with a Shout, the Lord with the Sound of a Trumpet, and is now to come again. Sing Praises to God, sing Praises, for God is the King of all the Earth; sing Praises both young Men and Maidens, old Men and Children; let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name alone is excellent, his Glory is above the Earth and Heaven; let us go forth and meet him.* The Spirit and the Bride say *Come*. Let him that heareth, say *Come*; *let him that thirsteth come; whosoever will, let him take the Water of Life freely*, without paying these Hirelings an Halfpenny for to preach their Gospel. He now invites all the World to come forth and meet him, Rich and Poor, Learned and Unlearned, Mickle and Little. *Zacheus* was a little Man; he went forth to meet Christ; he clame up a Tree to see him; it was a joyful Sight to him.

My Beloved spake, and said, Rise up, my Love, my fair One, and come away, my Dove that art in the Clefts of the Rock, in the secreet Places of the Stairs; let me see thy Countenance, let me hear thy Voice, for sweet is thy Voice, and thy Countenance is comely. Ye hear that Christ takes great Delight in secret Prayer; he loveth to see our Countenance, and to hear our Voice; he calls it sweet to him; a Believer says so of him. As he takes great

great Delight to see and hear his People in secret Prayer, they also take great Delight to see and hear him. So they say, *His Mouth is most sweet, yea, he is altogether lovely; this is my Friend, his Countenance is as* Lebanon, *excellent as the Cedars. I am my Beloved's, and his Desire is towards me. Come, my Beloved, let us go forth into the Fields, let us lodge in the Villages.* This makes it plain, That a Believer desires to be much alone with Christ; this is now a Mystery, and will be, so long as these Hirelings reigns. When *Babylon* is fallen, many shall know of the Sweetness of Christ by Experience. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy Mountains, saith the Lord; for the Earth shall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord, as the Waters cover the Sea. Our Lines are fallen in unpleasant Places; we are bewitched with that Whore; she hath deceived the whole World; she hath made all Nations drink of the Wine of the Wrath of her Fornication.

That great Wonder shall shortly be seen on the Earth, *A Woman clothed with the Sun, and the Moon under her Feet.* Christ's Ministers shall be clothed with white Raiment, which is the Righteousness of Christ; and the Deceitfulness and Changeableness of wordly Riches shall be trodden under their Feet. Then the Nations shall sing, *Sing unto the Lord all the Earth, shew forth, from Day to Day, his Salvation. Let the Heavens be glad, let the Earth rejoice, and let Men say among the Nations, The Lord reigneth, declare his Glory among the Heathen, his marvellous Works among all Nations; for great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.*

I say unto you Kings and Rulers, who hath given your Power and Strength unto the Beast, ye have made War with the Lamb; but the Lamb shall overcome you, as we read. *These have one mind,* says the Spirit, *and have set up themselves against the Lord, and against his Anointed,* by their giving these Hirelings Money for to preach the Devil's Gospel, against God's Will. I would nnt run their Risque, for all *Britain,* after they have heard God's Proclamation from me. Ye must know, that there is more than ordinary in this, that God hath risen up me to write to the Churches, who was never at Schools as to read the Bible. I could

not sleep until I was made to write God's Mind. *Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his Secret unto his Servants the Prophets. God hath chosen the weak Things of the World, and Things that are despised, hath God chosen to confound the mighty Clergy. He that hath an Ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.*

They are blind who doth not see these Hirelings to be clothed with the Moon, and the Sun under their Feet; because they have cast God's Word behind their Back. They are not clothed with the Son of Righteousness, but with the Moon, that is black every Month as the Devil, who was an Angel of Light, and was changed to an Angel of Darkness, and hath now again transformed himself as an Angel of Light, says *Paul*, into these Hirelings, to deceive the World.

If you please, Reader, come out of *Babylon*; if ye will not, stand to your Hazard; there is now great Judgments to come on the Earth; they are begun already this Year, in this Nation, when Fire and Wind hath come down from Heaven, and destroyed People in several Places at once. This is a Warning to you to come out of *Babylon*. There is great Judgments to come, except these Hirelings repent of their Deeds; but, I fear, these Things be hid from their Eyes, as they were to the *Jews*.

Thus saith the Lord, I will rise up against Babylon, *and against them that dwell in the Midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying Wind.* This makes it plain, That these Hirelings shall not suffer alone, but them also who dwells in the Midst of them, and hears them preach their Gospel. Ye hear that they rise in Rebellion against God, as the Hirelings themselves do. Flee out of the Midst of *Babylon*, and deliver every Man his Soul; be not cut off in her Iniquities, for this is the Time of the Lord's Vengeance. These Hirelings hath been a golden Cup in the Lord's Hand; they have made all the Earth drunken; the Nations have drunken of her Wine; therefore the Nations are mad Ye hear that God calls all the Hearers of these Hirelings mad. We read, that both the Palms of his Hands were cut off upon the Threshold, only the Stump of *Dagon* was left to him, which is now to

be seen upon the Threshold of the *Canongate* Kirk, by that destroying Wind. This is a Warning to the Whore.

It will be your Wisdom to come out of *Babylon*, and fly from the Wrath that is now to come, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not in the hired Clergy; if it were possible, they would deceive the very Elect. Saith Christ, at this present Time, *Altho' they have deceived almost the whole World, they shall not deceive me, because I believe God's Word.* I may as well believe the Devil, nor as to believe the hired Clergy. Saith Christ, *The Hirelings careth not for the Sheep*; neither doth the Devil. It is Money that they care for. If ye say they care for us, ye make him a Liar to his Face.

The Devil came to me in the Shape of a Man, in the Day Time, and he said to me, That the Scriptures are not the Word of God, with many strong Arguments to prove it, which was wonderful to hear, when I was speaking of writing my first Book; he knew that I was to write for the Ruin of his Kingdom. *If the Foundation be destroyed, what can the Righteous do*, as we read? He hath deceived these Hirelings, by making them believe, that the Gospel they preach for Money is the Gospel of God.

Ye may say, how are they deceived? God gives you an Answer, *And there came forth a lying Spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will perswade him. And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying Spirit in the Mouth of all his Prophets. And he said, Thou shalt perswade him, and prevail also; go forth, and do so.* Ye hear, that God hath given the Devil a Permission to enter into these Hirelings, and their Followers, as he did to him to enter into the Swine; and he perswades them, that the Gospel that they preach for Money, is the Gospel of Christ. The Reason is, God's Wrath being kindled against them, *because they would not receive the Love of the Truth, that they might be saved.* *Ahab* the King knew not of that Council in Heaven that was contrived against him; neither doth these Hirelings nor their Followers know. It was the Devil that invented these Lies.

Saith Christ, at this present Time, to these Hirelings, *Ye are of your Father the Devil, and the Lusts of your Father ye will do, against both Scripture and Reason.* These gnorant Clergy believes that Christ is now speaking to the *Jews* Priests; he doth not speak to the Dead but to the Living; these Scriptures were written for the Living, and not for the Dead.

God hath hid the great Mystery of *Babylon* from the Wise and Prudent, and hath revealed it to Babes and Fools, such as I am; so he says, *Not many Wise are called, even so Father, for so it seemeth good in thy Sight.* Christ thanks his Father for this. I have opened and explained the Mystery of that Whore, in several Sorts of my Books, but few will have Power to come out of her, until God's Word be fulfilled. Now ye know, says *Paul, what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his Time, for the Mystery of Iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the Way.* He hath deceived these Hirelings, by his hindering them to apply the Scriptures to themselves; if I believe that God is speaking of other Men, and not of me, I would not be at the Pains to search the Scriptures, as he commands me; I would not be concerned to search them.

Saith Christ, at this present Time, to the Hearers of these Hirelings, *Beware of false Prophets, who hath come to you in Sheeps Clothing, but inwardly are ravening Woolves for Greed.* If ye will not come out from them, the Door will be shut as it was on the foolish Virgins.

Many say to me, How should these Hirelings live, if they had not a fixed Stipend? The Scriptures answers you Hirelings, Work with your Hands, as St. *Paul* did, and if ye will not work, ye should not eat. He says, these Scriptures were never written that any Man was commanded for to take Money for to preach Christ's free Gospel; and if it be not written in the Book of God, doth not this make it as plain as A. B. C. that you Hirelings and your Followers are deceived, by your preaching, and them hearing the Devil's Gospel? What do you Hirelings more than a Suity-Man? They work for Money, and ye do the same.

Saith Christ to you, at this present Time, *Except your Righteousness exceed theirs, ye shall not enter into the King-*

Kingdom of Heaven. This makes it plain, if these Hirelings go to Heaven, the Scriptures are not the Word of God; they have neither Scripture nor Reason, on their Side, to take Money for to preach Christ's free Gospel; yet the World is so bewitched with them, that they flock after them to hear them preach the Devil's Gospel; *when the Blind leads the Blind, they shall both fall into the Ditch,* as we read.

Saith Christ to his Ministers, at this present Time, *Take no Thought what ye shall eat, nor what ye shall drink, nor yet for your Body, what ye put on; is not the Life more than Meat, and thy Body than Raiment?* He backs these Words with Reasons; so he says, *Behold the Fouls of the Air they sow not, neither do they reap; your heavenly Father feadeth them; are ye not much better nor them? Why do ye take Thoughts for Raiment? Consider the Lillies of the Fields, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin; I say unto you, that* Solomon, *and all his Glory, was not arraied like one of these.* But these Hirelings will neither believe Scripture nor Reason. Then who is bound or obliged to give them Money for to preach the Devil's Gospel, against God's Will, and to deceive all Nations, as we read? There is not one Nation free of these greedy Dogs, as God calls them.

I say, all them who goes to hear these Hirelings preach, are Worshipers of the Devil; so says the Spirit, *And they worshiped the Dragon, who gave Power unto the Beast.* This makes it plain, that it is the Devil that hath given these Hirelings all their Power to preach his Gospel; he makes some of them to preach as Angels of Light, to blindfold their Hearers, as he made Major *Wier* to pray to blindfold the People. He was found out and burnt; it is said his Conscience found him out. If the Consciences of these Hirelings doth not find them out, they shall be burut in Hell, for deceiving the World.

Says God, at this present Time, to them, *Ye are cursed with a Curse, for ye have robbed me even the whole Nations.* Whom God calls Robbers, who dare call them Ministers? Says he to them, at this present Time, *Bring all the Tithes in the Store-House, that there may be Meat in my House.* There is many of these Hirelings hath much Money laid up in Store God. is, at this present

preſent Time, giving them a Charge to bring it out, and give it to the Poor, which is his Houſe. *Prove me now, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts, if I will not open to you the Windows of Heaven, and pour ye out a Bliſſing, that there ſhall not be Room enough to receive it.* Clergy, ye hear that this is an exceeding large Promiſe to you; will ye believe God's Word now or never? If ye will not believe his Word, at this preſent Time, I take Inſtruments on your Conſcience, and this Inſtrument that I have taken ſhall be regiſtrated in Heaven againſt you, to your eternal Torment in Hell Fire. *He that hath an Ear to hear, let him hear.*

Prove me now, ſays God, and not to Morrow. Ye hear there are no longer Delays. His Miniſters proved him, when he ſent them forth to preach his Goſpel without Money; when they came back to him, he asked at them, If they lacked any Thing? They anſwered him, and ſaid, They lacked nothing. You Miniſters in this City, bring all the Tithes, which is your Stipends, that there may be Meat in God's Houſe; ye have robbed his Houſe, now when it is taken off the Poor in the City and given to you. Are ye not greedy Dogs, as God calls you? Ye may prove him one Year; I ſhall give you my Life that he ſhall not cheat you. There is many of you that hath much Money laid up in Store for many Years, as the rich Glutton had we read of. If ye will not prove him now, he tells you what ſhall come of all your Store; ſo he ſays, *In one Hour ſo great Riches is come to Nought.* This makes it plain that your Riches ſhall ſhortly end.

The Hirelings in this City, inſtead of proving God for their Meat, Sogers are ſent through the Town, and robbs poor Mens Houſes. Many Times my Houſe hath been robbed to fill their Bellies, and gone to Bed with a hungry Belly myſelf; in ſo doing they have robbed God. So he ſays to them, Ye have robbed me, even the whole Nations.

Saith Chriſt to them, at this preſent Time, *Go ſell that thou haſt, and give it to the Poor, and thou ſhalt have Treaſure in Heaven.* Before they obey him, many of them will take their Treaſure in Hell. They love Money, as *Judas* did; they have ſold their Maſter for Money, as he did. Ye muſt know, that Scriptures

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ſtands ſtill in Force to us that is living, to the End of the World. *The Word of the Lord endureth for ever.*

The Devil hath deceived the whole World, both Proteſtants, and Popiſh, and Turks. Theſe ignorant Clergy believes, that it is them who is not of their Profeſſion that he hath deceived. I ſay, it is all them who gives or takes Money for to preach Chriſt's free Goſpel. They are the Whore of *Babylon*, with a Witneſs. Theſe Hirelings may make a Book like the Turk's Alcorn; they might obey it, altho' they will not obey the Book of God. It is the Book of God that will condemn them. Saith Chriſt, *The Words that I have ſpoken will condemn you*; they will not condemn them who never heard them; therefore they ſhall not ſuffer ſo much Torment as theſe Hirelings ſhall do. It is ordained ſo to be. God hath put it in their Hearts to fulfil his Will, and to agree, and to give theſe Kingdoms unto the Beaſt, until the Word of God ſhall be fulfilled. This makes it plain, that I may write myſelf blind before I get *Babylon* to fall, until God's Word be fulfilled.

I ſhall end this Speech with a terrible loud Voice; he that hath an Ear may hear; it is exceeding dreadful; I would have opened the Revelations more fully, but I want Money to print it.

And the third Angel followed them, ſaying, with a loud Voice, If any Man worſhip the Beaſt and his Image, and receive his Mark in his Fore-head, or in his Hand, the ſame ſhall drink of the Wine of the Wrath of God, which is poured out, without Mixture, into the Cup of his Indignation, and he ſhall be tormented with Fire and Brimeſtone, and the Smoke of their Torment aſcended up for ever and ever: And they have no Reſt, Day nor Night, who worſhip the Beaſt and his Image, and whoſoever receiveth the Mark of his Name.

May not this fearful and dreadful Scripture fear you from worſhiping the Beaſt and his Image, by your going to hear theſe Hirelings preach their Goſpel? Your Torment ſhall be without Mixture, that is, without the leaſt of any Eaſe. Ye may ſay it will be the *Popiſh* Churches that will be ſo tormented. But, dare you Hirelings in *Britain*, and your Hearers, for your Souls, deny but ye have received their Mark,

and worſhips their Image, and hath the Mark of his Name on your Goſpel, as the *Popiſh* Churches hath it upon theirs? Ye hear the Spirit of God puts no Difference between your Goſpel and theirs. Ye ſhall all drink of the ſame Cup; you as well as them, becauſe ye have received his Mark, and worſhips his Image, and ye receive Money for to preach Chriſt's free Goſpel, as ever any of the *Pops* of *Rome* did. Then, what is the Difference between you and them? I ſee none. Altho' ye be not that Beaſt, ye have the Mark of that Beaſt. God tells you, That you that hath his Mark, and worſhip his Image, ſhall ſuffer the ſame Torment with the Beaſt. Your Money is the Mark and Image of the Beaſt, and your Money is the Mark and Image of the Devil; ſo your Money is called the Root of all Evil. The Evil of Money hath deceived the *Jews*; ſo they take the Money, and did as they were taught. And this Saying is commonly reported among the *Jews*, until this Day. This Scripture makes it plain, That the Money that theſe Hirelings takes for preaching their Goſpel, have deceived the *Gentiles*, until this Day. What is the Difference between them and theſe Sogers that took that Money for to deceive the *Jews*? I ſee none. Since that Time, the Kings of the Earth, and the Rulers are gathered together againſt the Lord, and againſt his Chriſt, as we read, by their giving theſe Hirelings Money for to deceive the World. Then what is the Difference between our Kings and Rulers, and theſe Prieſts and Elders who give theſe Sogers large Money to make a Lie? I ſee none. The Devil, the Father of Liars, hath made a good Market for himſelf, among *Jews* and *Gentiles*, with his Lies. It is himſelf that makes theſe Hirelings believe that their Goſdel is the Goſpel of Chriſt's. If ye will not believe of what is ſaid in this Book, and come out of *Babylon*, ye ſhall be tormented in Hell Fire. He that hath an Ear to hear, let him hear.

Saith Chriſt, *If a Man abide not in me, he is caſt forth as a Branch, and is withered, and Men gather them, and caſts them into the Fire, and they are burned.* Doth not theſe Hirelings Practice make it as plain as *A, B, C*, That there is none of them abides in Chriſt, becauſe

they do not keep his Word. Saith he, *Abide in me. The Branch cannot bear Fruit of itself, except it abide in the Vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.* This makes it plain, that none needs to expect to bring forth Fruit unto God. Who goes to hear these Men preach who abides not in Christ?

These Hirelings worships their Stipends, by setting their Hearts upon it; that hinders them to pray for their daily Bread. This makes it plain, That they are Worshippers of the Devil, because they worship his Image, and hath his Mark. Once he had Power. He caused as many as would not worship the Beast should be killed. He caused all, both Small and Great, Rich and Poor, Free and Bound, to receive a Mark in their Right-hand, or in their Fore-head, that is, by Swearing or by putting these Names to a Paper, not to preach Christ's free Gospel, but to preach the Devil's Gospel for Money. They made also their Parishoners to swear, That they should hear no other Gospel. I have seen this in my Days, about Sixty four Years ago, which they called their Test.

Blessed be God, that the Devil hath lost some of his Power in *Britain*; but the most Part of them holds by their old Traditions, altho' it be the Tradition of Men, and not of God. They will suffer none to preach in their Kirks but them who hath the Mark and Image of the Beast; neither will they hear any other Gospel, as is now made plain in this City. If ye would search the *Revelations*, as ye are commanded, ye could not but know the Whore of *Babylon*. There is no other so called in the Scriptures but the hired Clergy. He that hath an Ear to hear, let him hear.

But Jesus perceived their Wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me? Ye Hypocrites, shew me the Tribute-Money. And they brought to him a Penny. And he saith unto them, Whose Image and Superscription? They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them, Render unto Cæsar *the Things that are* Cæsar's, *and unto God the Things that are God's.* This Scripture is written for this Generation. If these Hirelings can shew Christ's Mark, and Image, and Superscription on their Gospel, then their Gospel is the Gospel of Christ's; but this they cannot do; therefore their Gospel is the Gospel of the Devil's,

with a Witness. They must render unto God the Things that are his, and unto the Devil the Things that are his.

If the World were not blindfolded, they would surely see this great City. *And the Woman which thou sawest, is that great City that reigneth over the Kings of the Earth.* As these Hirelings hath great Power to reign over Kings, they have also great Riches. *And the Woman was arrayed with Purple, and Scarlet, and Pearls, and decked with Gold, having a Golden Cup in her Hand full of Abominations and Filthiness of her Fornications.* The Spirit calls their Money both abominable and filthy that they are greedy upon. So says *Paul* to them, *Be not greedy of filthy Lucre.*

Says God to them, at this present Time, *They will have none of my Counsel, and they set at nought all my Reproofs. Be wise now therefore, O you Kings, be instructed ye Judges of the Earth. Kiss the Son,* now he is angry, *lest ye perish.* His Wrath is kindled against you for giving these Hirelings Money to preach the Devil's Gospel, against God's Will. Be wise now, says God to you. Ye hear there is no longer Delays. What do ye say, you Kings and Judges? Is it not Time now to be wise? Ye have been Fools more than a thousand Years. Ye are blind who doth not see these rich Clergy to be the Whore of *Babylon*, by the rich Pops, and the rich Bishops, and the rich Clergy in *Scotland.*

Saith Christ, *It is easier for a Camel to go through the Eye of a Needle, than for* these rich Clergy *to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.* Says St. *Paul*, at this present Time 1739, We that are the Ministers of Christ, we, unto this present Time, both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain Dwelling-place.

This makes it plain, That there is none that will call these rich Clergy the Ministers of Christ, but Devils and Mad-men, otherwise they must call St. *Paul* the Minister of the Devil.

The News in *Edinburgh*, I went to a certain Lawier in this City, with my last wonderful Book, dedicated to his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*; that Scrib [illegible] Smith was to *Paul*,

he hath done me much Evil; the Lord reward him according to his Works. *Paul* commands me to beware of him; he hath greatly withstood my Words, as the Copper-Smith withstood *Paul's*. *Behold, a certain Lawier stood up, and tempted Christ, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal Life?* He came not to seek Life, but only to tempt him, as the Lawier tempted me. Saith Christ to them, at this present Time, *Wo be to you Lawiers, ye shut up the Kingdom of Heaven; ye will not enter in yourselves, and them that would enter ye hinder*, as was made plain in him. He would not receive my Light himself, and he hindred others to receive it. There is many a Wo pronounced against these Scribes; they shall certainly light on them. He shall never have the Offer of my Light from me, because I am forbidden to cast my Pearls before Swine, nor to give that which is holy unto Dogs.

He said unto me, That I was a Plague in the Nation, and that I was for raising Rebellion in it. I say with *Jehu* the King, What Peace can be expected, so long as the Whoredoms of thy Mother *Jezebel*, and her Witchcrafts are so many, which is the hired Clergy, that I may be avenged of all the Blood of the Servants of the Lord, at the Hand of *Jezebel*? This Scripture makes it plain, That God will be avenged of the Blood of all his Servants, at the Hands of these Hirelings, which is *Jezebel's* Children. Saith God, at this present Time, to his Elect in *Scotland*, *I have a few Things against thee, because thou sufferest that Woman* Jezebel, *which calleth herself a Prophetess, to teach and seduce my Servants to commit Fornication: I gave her Space to repent, but she repented not.* These Hirelings hath got more than a thousand Years Space to repent, but they repent not. They will not preach Christ's free Gospel, except they get Money for it. God reproves his People for suffering them to leave among us. O for the Fall of *Babylon*.

It is not such as I that will raise Rebellion; but such as he who is a *Whigg*, and rebelled against King *Charles*, and took off his Head. It is said, That *Hope* the King's Advocate, sold him to the *English* for a Groat, for that we are called false *Scot*. That Scribe is offended with me, because I reprove the Clergy of

Sin. Saith the Spirit, *They hate him that rebuketh in the Gate, and they abhore him that speaketh uprightly.* Such as he are miſerable Comforters to me, as *Job's* Friends was to him. Such as he puts far away the evil Day, and cauſe the Seat of the Violence to come near, as we read. Such as he ſays to me, Propeſy not again any more at *Bethel*, for it is the King's Chapel, and it is the King's Court. This Scripture makes it plain, That the Devil makes Men hate and abhore them who rebukes them for Sin, and ſpeaks uprightly. Such as he makes Lies on me, as the Devil did to *Adam's* Wife, by their ſaying other Men writes my Books, and I put my Name to them, which is a damnable Lie. If that be true, I deſerve the Gallows; if it be not true, all ſuch Liars as he deſerves the ſame. The Word and Spirit is enough to teach me.

If he hath no other Learning but what he hath had by the College and Law-Books, he hath Need to be prayed for. It were good for the College of Juſtice, that they had the Underſtanding that the Honourable Lord Preſident hath; he knows the Worth of my Light, and his Lordſhip pays me honourably for it. But that Lawier knows nothing of the Worth of my Light, no more than *Balaam* the Warloch knew the Light of his Aſs; yet he, nor all the College of Juſtice, nor all the hired Clergy in the World, are capable to anſwer my Books according to the Scriptures. They may be aſhamed, when a poor Tinclair brags all the *Scribes* and *Phariſees* in the World.

Feſtus ſaid with a loud Voice, Paul, *thou art beſide thyſelf, much Learning doth make thee mad.* None needs to ſay ſo of me. Becauſe theſe Scribes and Clergy cannot reſiſt my Wiſdom, they go to the Devil, and he makes them to make Lies, their Refuge, by their ſaying other Men writes my Books.

Becauſe theſe *Scribes* and *Phariſees* could not reſiſt the Wiſdom of Chriſt, they went to the Devil, and he made them ſay, *He caſteth out Devils through* Beelzebub *the Prince of Devils, theſe of the Synogoge of Satan.* Becauſe they could not reſiſt the Wiſdom of *Stephen*, it made them go to the Devil, that Murderer, and he made them to ſtone him to Death.

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Becauſe that proud Lawyer cannot reſiſt my Wiſdom, he is in a Rage againſt me; I care not altho' he ſtone me to Death; he hath got great Power; ſuch as he ſays, I am not worth the hanging. All that will live godly ſhall ſuffer Perſecution; the Spirit doth not ſay they may, but he ſays they ſhall. This makes it plain, that there is little Godlineſs among us; it will be ſo as long as theſe Hirelings reigns; ſays the Spirit, I will take one in a City; *Lot* only was taken.

My Light ſhall ſhine, when theſe Scribes and Clergies Breaths ſhall be ſtooped. That ye may know that proud Lawyer, I will not lift my Hat to him more than *Mordecai* the *Jew* would lift his to proud *Haman*; ſuch as he and *Iſla* is inraged againſt me, becauſe I juſtify the Death of *Porteous*. Theſe Men is inraged againſt God, becauſe he made Men to execute his Laws. When Kings gives wicked Men Power, their Envy and Malice raiſes ſo high, they would deſtroy whole Nations, as was made plain in wicked *Haman*. Is it not better for this City, that that wicked Murderer ſhould have died, than Judgments ſhould have come on this City? It is a Wonder to me, that the Earth doth not open her Mouth and ſwallow up theſe wicked Men, eſpecially the Clergy who takes the Murderer's Part, as it did *Korah Dathan* and *Abiram*, who went down alive into the Pit, for their rebelling againſt God, as *Gamaliel* tells them to their Face, as we read. It was God's Will that *Porteous* ſhould died like a Dog in a Teather. Should not his Will be done on Earth as it is done in Heaven? Who dare ſay unto him, What doeſt thou? But the Devil entered into the wicked Clergy, and he made them mad; for what he did, they were ſo far from letting his Will be done, that they went to their Pulpits and realled againſt him, becauſe he did not tell them who it was that hanged the Murderer. Was not that a bold Attempt in them, to go his own Houſe, on his own Day, and abuſe him to his Face? What is the Difference between them and the Devil? I ſee none. As for my Part, I prefer God's Glory before my own Salvation; come of my Soul what will, let his Name be glorified.

It was not for Murder that King *Charles* was killed; it was rather for Oppreſſion; he made the Rich Men pay him Money to carry on the Wars againſt the *Spainiards*, who is Enimies to both God and Man; if I had Power I would do the ſame, for they are worſe than Heathens; they ſhould not be ſuffered to live on the Earth. If the King would give me that Money that he gives to the hired Clergy, I ſhould root them out in a Years Time.

King *Charles* did nothing but what *Samuel* the Prophet tells of the Manner of Kings; ſo he ſays, *They will take your Fields and Vineyards, even the beſt of them, and give them to his Servants.* Becauſe King *Charles* did not jump in their Judgment, the Whigs took off his Head. Their Judgment and the Devil's is all one; he was a Murderer from the Beginning. This fears our King to come to *Scotland*, in caſe they take off his Head. They ſhould rather have laid King *Charles* in Priſon and maintained him, as our merciful King maintains *Borlins* in the Caſtle. If they had killed *Manaſſeh*, that wicked King, they would have killed a Part of Chriſt; he was one of the Elect; ſays Chriſt to his Father, *That they alſo may be one in us.* Who knows but King *Charles* was a Elect? He was never ſuch a Murderer as *Manaſſeh* was; he made the Streets of *Jeruſalem* to run with innocent Blood.

It was not for Religion that Men rebelled againſt King *George* I. but it was becauſe they had none: No religious Man will rebel againſt their King, be he never ſo wicked, as is plain in *Samuel*'s Words to the *Iſraelites*, when they ſought a King. It is plain alſo in *David*, who was a Man after God's own Heart, he would not kill *Saul*, that wicked King, when it was in his Power, and alſo his mortal Enemy. This makes it plain, that all thoſe who rebels againſt their King, are Men after the Devil's own Heart: Thoſe Whigs rebelled againſt their King, in my Days, ſixty Years ago, and fought at *Bothwel-Bridge*, but the Devil their King cheated them; ſo many of them was hanged for it. All them who rebels againſt their King deſerves the ſame.

O Lord, God Almighty, bleſs and preſerve our King, and all his royal Family, for evermore, Amen.

A Petition to the Magistrates, &c.

MAY it please your Lordships and Honours, to give that Money to the Poor that is given to these Hirelings; ye have both Scripture and Reason on your Side to do it; then there shall not be so many poor Burgers in this City: Ye will get many to preach for ten Merks a-Week. Why then should they get Fifty? Much more is given them. Many of them lives their Service, and goes to Country for strange Water and strange Milk, to be purified from their Uncleanness. If I tie a Servant, he must wait on his Work; if he will not, I am not obliged to pay him his Wages. Then who is it that obliges you to pay their full Wages? Your Rule is not written in the Scriptures for it, so it is not God that obliges you; he should be your Master and not them. These Hirelings hath the Srength of a Street-Whore; so says the Spirit, *With her much fair Speech she caused him to yield, with the Flattering of her Lips she forced him.* These are simple Men, and void of Understanding, who is forced, by that spiritual Whore, to give them Stipends.

They also set up strange Men to preach for Meat. Christ's Apostles was glade to preach for their Meat; they were better than they are. These Hirelings are all *Judahses*; they love Money, as he did.

I have made the Mystery of *Babylon* plain in my Books; the Answer I got from the World, is that which the Officers got from the Priests and Pharisees that we read off, This Man knoweth not the Law; he is cursed, we will not believe what he says. If these Hirelings were that Whore, Lawiers and Magistrate would believe it; so say they, Have any of the Rulers or Pharisees believed on him? I must tell you, whether ye believe or not, there is now great Tribulation to come on the Earth; these Hirelings hath been cast into a Bed more than a thousand Years; so says the Spirit, *Behold I will cast her into a Bed, and them that commit Adultery with her into great Tribulation, except they repent of their Deeds.*

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P. S. For all the Light I have, I know not the Difference that is between these Hirelings who abides by their Kirks, and these Hirelings who takes their Stipends, and leaves their Kirk, and goes to the Fields and Barks, as Dogs, at them who keeps their Kirks. How dare they condemn them, when they are alike guilty with the rest, by their taking Money for preaching the Devil's Gospel, as the rest doth? They have not Power to come out of *Babylon* more nor the rest of them; so, if there be any Difference between them, these that leaves their Kirks are worst, because they pretend to know the Right, and does the Wrong. *Them who knows their Master's Will, and doth it not, shall be beaten with double Stripes.* What is the Difference between *Judas* of *Galilee*'s Gospel and their Gospel? I see none. His Gospel came to nought, as *Gamaliel* tells us, as we read; so will theirs. I say, all the Gospels in the World that is preached for Money, shall shortly come to nought.

I am called a Fool; I think *Areskine* Minister in *Stirling* is another. He hath summoned his Elders before the great Tribunal of Heaven, as is said in the Ne[illegible] for going to hear other Men preach, and not him only. He pretends to have more Wit than *Solomon*. Saith he, *Be not righteous over much, neither make thyself over wise. Why shouldest thou destroy thyself?* This makes it plain, That his Religion hath made him mad, as it did these ignorant Whiggs at *Bothwell-bridge*, who chused rather to be hang'd, than as to pray for the King, altho' it be God's Command to pray for the King.

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I Have many Books, of several Sorts, to be sold in the Middle of the *West-Bow*, *Edinburgh*, for little or nothing; but the poor Man's Wisdow is despised, and his Words are not heard; it will be so to the World's End, because the Scriptures cannot be bro-broken: If the King had made me a great Man, as these Kings made *Joseph* and *Daniel* the Prophets, my Wisdom would be admired through the World.